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SUBJECT: KICKOFF MEETING FOR THE NUCLEAR SECURITY SUMMIT

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DCM delivered reftel demarche to MFA/Americas Director General Nguyen Ba Hung on September 15. DCM noted that the Ambassador had delivered the President's letter to the office of Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung on September 11, and requested that the PM attend the April meeting, as well as appoint a high-level Sherpa. Ba Hung reiterated the GVN's commitment to working with the USG in support of the goals outlined by the President. He said the MFA had recommended that the Prime Minister send a letter to POTUS thanking him for the invitation, but did not indicate whether the letter would contain a positive response. Ba Hung said he would follow-up with the Prime Minister's office and keep us apprised of further developments. He offered that President Triet's decision to attend UNGA was a sign of the importance Vietnam attaches to cooperating with the international community to stem nuclear proliferation. Michalak